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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Alan J. DEMERS et al.

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For: SCHEMA EVOLUTION IN REPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

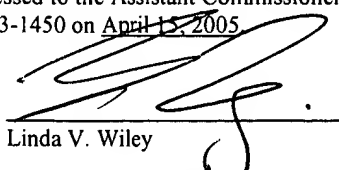
**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.


| FEE CALCULATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NO. OF EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE  | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 13                                  | MINUS | 20                               | 0                              | \$50  | \$ 0.00           |
| INDEP. CLAIMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3                                   | MINUS | 4                                | 0                              | \$200 | \$ 0.00           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>December 15, 2004</u> to and through <u>April 15, 2005</u> , for an extension of:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (\$120) <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (\$450) <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (\$1,020) <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (\$1,590) |                                     |       |                                  |                                |       | \$ 120.00         |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                     |       |                                  |                                |       | \$ 120.00         |

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Payment of \$120.00 by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450 on April 15, 2005.

  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 15, 2004, please amend this application as follows.